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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

SIRS:

Responsive to the OA of 4/29/05, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-60, previously cancelled, as per the attached appendix.

Claims 61, 68, 75 and 82 amend as shown in the attached appendix.

Claims 76-81, 83 and 84, cancel without prejudice as shown in the attached appendix.

REMARKS

Claims 61-75 and 82 are in the application. The remaining claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Main claims 61, 68 and 75, were previously allowed. These have been amended by changing the word "enhancing" to --- maintaining--- to avoid the Examiner's Sec. 112 objection to such wording. With such amendment, it is believed that the Section 112 objection has been overcome, and these claims are now in condition for allowance. Subclaims 62-67, 69-74 are depended from claims 61 and 68 and hence are equally allowable.

Claim 82 has been amended to include all of the features of allowed claim 61 so that we can obtain coverage for a "recording

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